Buffalo, Jan. 1, 1868.

My dear Gray:

I can't let the day pass without expressing my sincere wish that you may have a most happy New Year. I don't know that I would wish it quite so hard, were not the happiness of another, whom I do esteem and admire hugely, vacant linked with yours.

I don't thank you a bit for all the kind things you have done to & for me! I have done so much & can do so much more, in return!! Like me! It is a sad thing to be full of goodish, kindly aspirations, & to have no power.

Please telegraph to your friends Bentham & Hooker, that I by the

help of the 1st vol. of Gen. Pl. I have arranged & incased the immense Herbarium of the Buffalo Society of the Natural Sciences through Chagrin &c. and that when I shall be through Connecting I shall be at my wits end, if I do not receive the rest at least of the 2d Vol. Tell them they must hurry up! - that I am all impatience, and that I dont want to fall back upon Lindley. I was startled at finding Punica among the Lythraceae. The truth, I fancy, is - that the so called Natural Arrangement is, in some of its details, just as arbitrary as the Linnaean. (Tell me that only women have whims!)

Yours ever,

A. W. Chapman.

Dr Asa Gray.